

Don't Let Them Wait

The aged and disabled ministers of the Southern Presbyterian Church do not press their claims. The needy widows and little orphans of our deceased ministers do not cry aloud for help.

We, therefore, let them wait. They have waited for years. They must wait until the Church is ready to pay what it owes.

We are now in a meagre way meeting the just claim of 80 veteran ministers, 158 widows and 25 infirm orphans. In these 263 homes are many invalids, and 81 little fatherless children under 14 years of age—42 of whom are not yet 10 years old.

There are other homes that should have immediate assistance, and on account of the great increase in the cost of living larger amounts should be sent to many of those on our rolls.

The great question of honorably caring for the faithful ministers who have turned their backs upon the sources of earthly gain and have trusted the Church is squarely up to our people.

O Church of God, there are millions of people who will unite with us in caring for the needed war-work of the day. You, alone, must hear the mute appeal and care for those of your own household who with greatest self-denial have served God and your Church in their generation.

The dictates of justice, of honor, of gratitude, of expediency, and of religion urge the Church to fulfil its duty to those faithful soldiers, who "have fought the good fight" and who can only wait the summons of the Captain of our Salvation to appear before Him.

LET THEM WAIT—BUT IN ASSURANCE AND PEACE AND COMFORT!

MAKE A LIBERAL OFFERING FOR MINISTERIAL RELIEF IN DECEMBER.

Personal note to Elders and Deacons: How about your pastor's support? World conditions have wrought such changes that salary values have been reduced from 45 per cent. to 60 per cent. in the past four years. The congregation took a solemn pledge concerning their pastor, "to continue to him, while he is their pastor, that competent worldly maintenance which they have promised, and whatsoever else they may see needful for the honor of religion and his comfort among them." Our Ministers and Missionaries will not ask for more; Have you considered this matter sympathetically and prayerfully? Have you called the attention of the congregation and of Presbytery to it? Have you read the leaflet, "The Deacon's First Responsibility?" We will send this free on application.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS SET APART SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1917, FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

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